

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice.

1-21. (Canceled):

Please add the following new claims.

22. (New): A portable information device comprising:

a memory for storing and retrieving digital information;

communication means for connecting to a communication path established between a personal computer and said device, said communication path including a portion comprising a wireless communication path in a cellular telephone system; and

configuring means for placing said device in a receive mode for receiving said digital information from the personal computer over said wireless communication path, said communication means receiving said digital information from the personal computer after said device is configured by said configuring means to receive said digital information, said communication means storing received digital information into said memory.

23. (New): The portable information device of claim 22 wherein said digital information includes a personalized directory of telephone numbers.

24. (New): The portable information device of claim 22 wherein said configuring means includes a user interface for a user to initiate placing said device in said receive mode.

25. (New): The portable information device of claim 22 wherein said memory includes a database allowing access to stored information to a user.

26. (New): The portable information device of claim 22 wherein said information includes a personalized directory of appointments.

27. (New): The portable information device of claim 23 wherein said personalized directory includes a name associated with each of said telephone numbers.

28. (New): The portable information device of claim 26 including means for providing an audible alerting signal at a predetermined time, said predetermined time being associated with a particular one of the appointments within the personalized directory of appointments.

29. (New): A method of remotely programming a portable information device, said device operating to wirelessly communicate in a cellular telephone system, the method comprising:

configuring said device in a receive mode for receiving digital information;

connecting to a communication path established between a personal computer and said device, said communication path including a portion comprising a wireless communication path in a cellular telephone system; and

receiving said digital information from the personal computer over the wireless communication path after said device is configured to receive said digital information.

30. (New): The method of claim 29 further comprising:

storing the received digital information into a memory.

31. (New): The method of claim 29 wherein said digital information includes a personalized directory of telephone numbers.

32. (New): The method of claim 31 wherein said personalized directory includes a name associated with each of said telephone numbers.

33. (New): A portable information device comprising:

a memory for storing and retrieving digital information;

a communication component connecting to a communication path established between a personal computer and said device, said communication path including a portion comprising a wireless communication path in a cellular telephone system; and

a user interface for placing said device in a receive mode for receiving said digital information from the personal computer over said wireless communication path, said communication component receiving said digital information from the personal computer after said device is configured by said user interface to receive said digital information, said communication component storing received digital information into said memory.

34. (New): The portable information device of claim 33 wherein said digital information includes a personalized directory of telephone numbers.

35. (New): The portable information device of claim 33 wherein said configuring means includes a user interface for a user to initiate placing said device in said receive mode.

36. (New): The portable information device of claim 33 wherein said memory includes a database allowing access to stored information to a user.

37. (New): The portable information device of claim 33 wherein said information includes a personalized directory of appointments.

38. (New): The portable information device of claim 34 wherein said personalized directory includes a name associated with each of said telephone numbers.

39. (New): The portable information device of claim 37 including means for providing an audible alerting signal at a predetermined time, said predetermined time being associated with a particular one of the appointments within the personalized directory of appointments.